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Minutes

**MASSACHUSETTS STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION
1 ASHBURTON PLACE, BOSTON, DPS CONFERENCE ROOM 1301
APRIL 8, 2014, 11:00AM**

1. The meeting was called to order by LaTeisha Adams, Chair at 11:10am, followed by roll call

Board Members Present

LaTeisha Adams, Chair
Commissioner Guy Licciardi
Commissioner Joseph Krowski, Jr
Commissioner Quion T Riley

Board Member Not Present

Commissioner Gary Litchfield

Guests Present

Ronnie Drimer, DPS Program Coordinator
Deirdre Hosler, DPS Deputy General Counsel
Dominic Warr, Professional MMA Fighter
David Wilcox, Reporter
Tyrone Smith, Professional Boxer

2. Approval of the minutes from March 11, 2014.

The minutes from the last meeting on March 11, 2014 were reviewed by members present: motion to approve these minutes was made by Commissioner Licciardi, seconded by Commissioner Riley. Motion was passed 3-0, Commissioner Krowski, Jr abstained.

Attorney Hosler stated that Chairwoman Adams does not have to be physically present at every meeting during which there is remote participation as long as she designates an Acting Chair who will be physically present.

3. Approval of Suspensions for March 15, 2014 and March 17, 2014 Boxing Events.
A motion was made by Commissioner Krowski, Jr to approve the suspensions for the March 15th event and was seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. The motion was passed by unanimous vote. A motion was made by Commissioner Krowski, Jr to approve the suspensions for the March 17th event and was seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.
4. Hearing - Late to Weigh-in on February 20, 2014: Dominic Warr and Dan Bardellini.
Dan Bardellini had spoken to Commissioner Licciardi about being unable to attend the hearing.
Commissioner Licciardi stated that Dominic Warr was over an hour and a half late for the weigh-in on February 20, 2014. Mr. Warr said he was “cutting weight” too long. He had been in the gym and didn’t realize the time. He also stated the clock in the gym was broken and that he had a letter from the gym stating he was there on February 20th and that the clock had stopped. He was very apologetic and said it would never happen again. He has been a fighter for 5 years. The letter from the gym was entered in the exhibits #4 for the meeting. Commissioner Krowski, Jr made a motion not to take action at this time, seconded by Commissioner Riley. The Commission voted unanimously to give Mr. Warr a warning this time.
5. Discuss altered medicals.
Fabio Lima’s medicals were sent to the office and clearly had dates changed on the tests, this was verified by the staff calling the doctor’s office. His trainer George Birkadzes had called Guy Licciardi and said he did change the medicals dates. Chair Adams wants them both notified to come in for a hearing at the next meeting.
6. John Allen – unsanctioned fights
Mr. Allen was unable to attend due to a schedule conflict-notify of next meeting date. “Smokers” unsanctioned fights will be put on a future agenda. Commissioner Riley asked if he could shut down an unsanctioned fight; Attorney Hosler said he could not as a Commission member. The town or city governing officials need to intervene.
7. Tyrone Smith – Decision appeal for March 15, 2014 boxing event.
Tyrone Smith addressed the Commission regarding the fight outcome which was a draw; Mr. Smith said he had trained for 2 and a half months and in his opinion his opponent, Vinnie Carita did not win one round. Mr. Smith was told by an anonymous source that Mr. Carita has a relationship with one of the judges that officiated that night. He also said that Donnie Palmer, another fighter, has a video that shows Mr. Carita conversing with one of the judges. Chair Adams wants to table the issue until Mr. Smith gets the video for the Commission to review. He was told to call the staff when he had the video.
8. Karyn Wesch-non sanctioned fights and fighter records
This item was tabled. Commissioner Licciardi told the board members that the office must use the official records on the MMA/ABC website; non sanctioned fights are not recognized by the board. Commissioner Krowski Jr feels we need to recognize what the official records say. Commissioner Riley agreed. Chair Adams said that the board should take the unofficial records into consideration; Commissioner Krowski Jr agreed.

9. Review/approval of new applications:

Lucy Miller-Boxing judge

Motion to approve Lucy Miller's boxing judge application was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Michael Marchionte, Jr-Boxing match maker

Motion to approve Michael Marchionte Jr's boxing match maker's application was made by Commissioner Riley, seconded by Commissioner Krowski Jr. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Brian Gillespie-MMA promoter

Motion to approve Brian Gillespie's MMA promoter application was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Brian Gillespie-MMA matchmaker

Motion to approve Brian Gillespie's MMA match maker application was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr, seconded by Commissioner Riley. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Thomas Clark-Boxing judge

Motion to approve Thomas Clark's boxing judge application was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr, seconded by Commissioner Riley. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Thomas Clark-Boxing time keeper

Motion to approve Thomas Clark's boxing time keeper application was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr, seconded by Commissioner Licciardi. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Stephen Clark-Boxing referee

Motion to approve Stephen Clark's boxing referee application was made by Commissioner Licciardi, seconded by Commissioner Krowski Jr. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Stephen Clark-Boxing judge

Motion to approve Thomas Clark's boxing judge application was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr, seconded by Commissioner Riley. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Stephen Clark-Boxing time keeper

Motion to approve Thomas Clark's boxing time keeper application was made by Commissioner Krowski Jr, seconded by Commissioner Riley. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

10. Matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting
Brandon McKee MMA promoter and match maker application. Tabled until the applicant comes to the next meeting.

Commissioner Riley discussed not having a flag at all events if the national anthem is going to be sung. Attorney Hosler says the Commission likely cannot validly mandate that venues display the American flag.

This meeting adjourned at 12:05pm.

List of Documents/Exhibits Used at this Meeting

Applications for:
Lucy Miller-Boxing judge
Michael Marchionte, Jr-Boxing match maker
Brian Gillespie-MMA promoter
Brian Gillespie-MMA matchmaker
Thomas Clark-Boxing judge
Thomas Clark-Boxing time keeper
Stephen Clark-Boxing referee
Stephen Clark-Boxing judge
Stephen Clark-Boxing time keeper
Letter from Dominic Warr's gym
March 15, 2014 suspension list
March 17, 2014 suspension list